

The Post Masters
here do not
know anything
about Ontario,
that is the reason
I address Mr.
Thompson
near you.

Ellsworth Kas
Sep 6th 1867

"Dear John"

I received yours of the
27th ult. And was happy to learn
that you were ~~enjoying~~ good
health & "enjoying" yourself so
well. I wish I could get
Holidays to spend, sailing and
Buggy riding, with the Young
Ladies. - Well John I have
neither holidays, or Young
Ladies, they are very few here
I have never spoken to one
except in the Store, they are
not the right stamp for a
young man to keep company
with, but there are some few
coming in now. I hope it
will help to make the place

A little quieter, It has been
pritty rough, like all the
frontier towns. people go
around with Revolvers strapped
to them all the time, I have
got two good ones I have practiced
with them a mass of birds
considerable. Why man I could
cut the buttons of your coat
from fifty to hundred yards.
Business is pritty good here
yet. in fact it will be so all
winter. a great many have
gone to Big creek some sixty
miles west of here it will
be a "very" busy place soon the
R-Road is nearly there now
We intend opening another
house there will keep boots
running & lively I will go
there but cannot tell yet. I
intend going up next week
to see the place

About having too many
irons in the fire, I don't
know a pearson has got to
look sharp but for one ^{Partner} to
swindle, don't work, too far
west for that. you may drive
as sharp a bargain as you
can. That is all right (but
swindling or stealing is not
tolerated it is hanging or
shooting. But I make it a
point to have every thing
in black & white & plain fig-
ures & then there is no ^{business} mis-
understanding. I went into ^A it
true with a small capital
but hope before the end of Dec
to double my money. I do not
wish to blow, but John I have seen
some pretty hard times since I
came west. a little over a year
ago, a little after I came to Mo
first ~~why~~ why I was almost dead

Broard; had to send to you
for help. I commenced pulling
and tugging done the best I
could; I intend to do the best as
still. Well, I still hope to be
able to make my visit next
winter if possible. I think I will
keep on this road for another
year & then I will leave
that is my opinion ~~now~~ at
present; then I will leave the
west & hunt some other more
civilized country. aint it strange
that a man will endure so much
for some filthy trash; but
alas! it is so. Give my love
to all the nice young ladies (mind
the nice ones) & Remember me to all
friends And accept the best
I warmest regards from - your
Affectionate Bro
J. M. Kitgour

"Write soon"

I don't want
that to my mind

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Sept 9

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